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MANY FIRMS TO CHANGE LOCATIONS IN JANUARY

Many Are Making Moves Now in Preparation For New Year. New Buildings Occupied.

Moving day will be the order of things for a number of Clovis enterprises when the new year makes itself known.

Lower Main Street will be the scene of a number of changes when T. J. White, now located on West Grand Avenue, will move to the building now occupied by the Clovis Co-operative Store. The Clovis Co-operative Store is planning to move two doors north to the building occupied by the Famous Grocery, which in turn will move to new quarters in the old Curren Agency office.

W. I. Lukart & Company will move sometime in January to the old Lyceum Theatre building on North Main Street which is now being remodeled.

Mandell Clothing & Dry Goods Co. will move soon after the first to its new home in the J. C. McClelland building now under construction.

The Clovis Buick Company is moving this week to the new Rice-Highfill building further up Main Street, and the adjoining building was occupied this week by the Skarda Motor Company. The building formerly occupied by the Skarda Motor Company is now the home of the Rice Motor Company.

Johnson & Sullivan will move next door to the building formerly occupied by the Clovis Buick Company, and Roberts-Dearborne Hardware Company will expand and occupy the building thus vacated.

W. N. Porter, distributor for the Chevrolet cars, will occupy the old Elks Auditorium building with the Miller-Nash Motor Company.

CLOVIS WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. Cash Ramey was hostess to the Woman's Club, Tuesday afternoon at a regular meeting. Although being just after Christmas, the meeting was well attended.

The entire afternoon was given to a musical program, of which Mrs. Earl Switzer was in charge. The following program was well rendered: The Home Life of the Schumanns—Mrs. W. H. Pattison. Vocal Solo—Mrs. K. C. Childers. Melody in F—Brunswick. Reading—Mrs. J. L. Stevenson. The Life of Handel—Mrs. Cash Ramey.

Piano Solo—Mrs. T. Odom. Tales of Hoffman—Brunswick. Indian Music and Composers—Mrs. Earl Switzer. Piano Solo—Marie Lukart. Vocal Solo—Mrs. Earl Switzer. Piano Solo—Little Miss Childers.

Following the program the ladies informally joined in singing "The Old Folks Song," then the meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. W. Nichols.

NEW FILLING STATION IS PLANNED FOR SOUTH MAIN

With the removal of the old Clovis Townsite Company's building from Main and Otero, it is probable that the construction of the new filling station and office of the Continental Oil Company will be started soon.

The Continental has been planning a filling station in Clovis for several months, and although definite plans have not been announced, it is probable that the building will be a good one.

IT'S INVENTORY TIME

Counting, counting, and more counting, is the fate of clerks in Clovis this week, as the annual inventory of stock is being recorded in practically every store. Everything from neckties and auto repairs to silverware and pickles will come under the eagle eye of the cost accountants sometime before January 1, when most of the merchants will know where they "are at." Some of the stores closed this week for inventory, but most of them took stock on the installment plan while waiting on the public.

SAYS SENATOR FALL WILL BE APPOINTED SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

That Senator Fall will be appointed to the position of secretary of the interior in the cabinet of President Harding is the prediction made by Phillip Kinaley in a special dispatch in the Chicago Tribune from Marion, Ohio.

Kinaley says that the appointment is one that has been definitely decided upon. Others he says are Charles G. Daws of Chicago for secretary of treasury and Charles Evans Hughes of New York for secretary of state.

LOCAL MENTION

S. C. Hunter of Texico made a business trip to Clovis Wednesday.

Fent Stallings of Texico was a business caller in Clovis Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eli of Redland, New Mexico, spent Christmas with A. B. Wagner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hart will leave Sunday for a short visit to Ft. Worth and Breckenridge, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baker left Thursday for Little Rock, Ark., after spending the holidays here.

J. W. Manning, County Commissioner-Elect from the Hollene district, was a Clovis visitor Tuesday.

Jeff D. Bryant returned this week from Altus, Okla., where he spent the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. F. D. Perkins and Miss Alice Perkins left Monday for Fort Worth where they will visit friends for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Baker of Canyon are here visiting his brothers, H. E. and C. C. Baker, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Baker.

Ovid Jernigan will leave in a short time for Chicago where he will enroll in the Northern Illinois College of Optometry.

Edward Morgan, who has been attending the State University at Albuquerque, spent Christmas with home folks.

Mrs. Joe Hewett and children returned the first of the week from Weatherford, Texas, where they spent Christmas.

Mrs. A. B. Wagner and Miss Maud Wagner left Tuesday for Amarillo where Miss Wagner will undergo an operation on her throat.

Wade Freeman, of the Farmers State Bank, who has been seriously sick of pneumonia, is much improved and is on the road to recovery.

Miss Margaret Sullivan of Amarillo was here the latter part of last week visiting at the home of Mrs. Mary Lyons and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Honea.

Miss Thelma Reagan, who has been attending Texas Christian University, at Fort Worth, Texas, spent the Christmas vacation with home folks.

Gordon Westerfield, who is now in the U. S. Army, and stationed at Monterey, Cal., is in Clovis this week visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Westerfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Boyle of Ft. Worth, Texas, will return to their home this week after spending their Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boyle of this city.

Miss Vada Mae Garrison who has been spending the holidays with home folks, will return to Las Vegas this week where she is enrolled in the State Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Moon and daughter of Los Angeles, Calif., have been visiting in Clovis several days returned to their home today. Mr. Moon is a resident of Clovis.

Judge Carl Herndon is a resident of Clovis. He is a member of the New Mexico Association. At this time of the Association and it is probable that the committee will take certain measures to enforce the legislation.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR NEW YEAR

Additional Water Supply, Sewer Extensions, and Street Crossings Included in Plans.

In a municipal way Clovis is due for much improvement during 1921. Another big well will be put down to help supply the city with water, the city will purchase additional machinery to be used at the water and light plant, these two improvements to cost in the neighborhood of \$115,000. No doubt the money from the street improvement bonds (\$20,000) will also be expended in putting down street crossings, and this will result in much sidewalk building by property owners. The \$33,000 sewer bond issue which was voted last spring will also be used during the year. In addition to all of this the paving program will no doubt be carried out that will result in a number of blocks of paving being put in. If individuals do as much construction work during 1921 as the City of Clovis plans to it is going to be a progressive year for the Magic City.

REV. KENNEDY RESIGNS AS PASTOR OF BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. G. E. Kennedy, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Clovis, has resigned, and will leave Tuesday to accept a position as missionary for the Baptist State Mission board of Texas.

W. T. BAKER IS GRANDPA

"Goodmorning, Grandfather; mother now doing fine. (Signed) Grandson No. 1," is the substance of a message received from El Dorado, Ark., by W. T. Baker of this city. Mrs. H. B. Prothro, mother of the late arrival, was formerly Miss Norma Baker, of Clovis.

FORMER MAYOR HERE

Lester Stone, former mayor of Clovis, but who now lives in Amarillo, was in Clovis a few days this week. Mr. Stone says business conditions in the Magic City are much better than at points further east.

ORDERS HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION MONDAY

The order of Eastern Star held joint installation of officers for 1921 with Clovis Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M., at the Masonic hall last Monday night.

The following Eastern Star officers were installed: Mrs. W. E. Marsh, Worthy Matron. John Rigartner, Worthy Patron. Miss Mildred Whiting, Associate Matron.

Mrs. E. H. Ashcraft, Conductress. Mrs. F. E. McLaughlin, Associate Conductress.

Mrs. A. W. Skarda, Secretary. Mrs. J. R. Denhof, Treasurer.

Mrs. Jim Dennis, Organist. Mrs. S. J. Boykin, Warder.

A. Mandell, Sentinel. Mrs. Carl Cramer, Ada.

Mrs. L. L. Walker, Ruth. Mrs. C. L. McClelland, Esther.

Mrs. Jeff Roberts, Martha. Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Electa.

The following officers of the Masonic lodge were installed: Worshipful Master—W. H. Duckworth.

Senior Warden—E. R. Hardwick. Junior Warden—C. N. Hardy.

Secretary—P. A. LaShier. Treasurer—S. A. Jones.

Senior Deacon—J. C. Lukart. Junior Deacon—J. O. Howard.

Steward—Milton Brown, Jr. Treasurer—W. S. Carmack.

W. E. W. Bowyer. A. Dillon.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE

Mr. E. W. Bowyer of Santa Fe where he is the executive of the New Mexico Association. At this time of the Association and it is probable that the committee will take certain measures to enforce the legislation.

was recently elected New Mexico Education.

CLOVIS SWAMPS FLOYD IN PRACTICE CAGING

High School Five Piles Up Score of 55 to 5 in First Basketball Game of Season.

Shooting baskets at will, Clovis High School basketball team piled up a score of 55 to 5 in their first practice game of the year against Floyd High School in the local gymnasium Wednesday evening.

Wendell Foreman, member of last season's all-victorious team, stood out above his team mates with eleven field goals and one free goal to his credit, scoring 23 points. William Jones, midget guard, is largely responsible for the small score, for his spectacular defense kept the ball away from Floyd's goal most of the time. Anderson, in addition to playing a good game at guard threw four field goals.

Kent Hunt, scoring seven field goals and two free goals also showed up well, and Eledge counted four field goals before he was forced from the game with a bad knee.

The visitors scored only one field goal in the first half, and one field goal and one free goal in the second, for a total of five points.

While at times the playing was good, the locals still have a lot of hard work ahead of them. However, prospects are good for another winning team.

Two games each have been scheduled with Santa Rosa, Portales and Roswell, and one game with Albuquerque.

HUSTLERS CLASS HAS JOLLY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thirty members of the Hustlers Class of the First Christian Church met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. M. O. Robinson, Wednesday evening, for their annual Christmas party. The absence of Santa Claus didn't spoil the spirit of the evening, for there was a tree, and presents were distributed to members of the class.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Miss Grace Vedder Brown celebrated her eleventh birthday on Christmas day with a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brown, Jr. A number of young folks were present and the party was a most enjoyable one.

GOLDEN WEDDING

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Humphrey was the scene of a most happy celebration Christmas afternoon from two till four o'clock. Fifty years ago this estimable couple were married and the seven children born to this union were all present to enjoy the "Jubilee Anniversary."

Mrs. Pinnacle of Dawson, New Mexico, Mrs. Knight of Plainview, Texas, Mrs. Leach of Portales New Mexico, Mrs. Reagan of Beaumont, Texas, and Mrs. Sifford of Wagon Mound, New Mexico, the five daughters and John and Dee Humphrey of Clovis with their families came to the parental home for this unusual occasion.

In addition about sixty old neighbors and friends assembled, bringing many useful and appropriate gifts. The guests were served delicious punch by Mrs. Sifford and Mrs. Knight.

The entertainment consisted of games such as were popular fifty years ago.

About four o'clock the Golden Wedding ceremony was performed by Dr. Miller. This was preceded by a vocal solo, "I Love You Truly," and followed by "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Both of the beautiful selections were rendered by Marian Elliott, to the delight of his audience.

A beautiful bride's cake with fifty candles had been prepared and was cut and served with coffee to the guests.

All departed feeling that they had spent a most enjoyable afternoon and hoping that they might have the privilege of attending Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey's diamond wedding.

A Guest.

FEDERATION MEETING

The Clovis Federation of Women's Clubs will meet Monday, January 3rd at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Earl Caswell, 704 North Connelly St.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND MRS. DUCKWORTH LEAVE FOR SANTA FE

Lieutenant Governor-Elect and Mrs. W. H. Duckworth will leave Friday morning for Santa Fe. The inaugural ceremonies will commence at noon Saturday and the inaugural ball will be held Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth will not return to Clovis after the inaugural ceremony, as the legislature convenes on the tenth. Mr. Duckworth, by virtue of his position as lieutenant governor, will preside over the senate.

CLOVIS BOYS STAGE BOLSHIVIK PRANKS

Playing a prank that was so crude that would have shamed any civilized community, several Clovis boys stopped into the lime light Wednesday evening when they attempted to break up the party that Mrs. C. W. Harrison and Miss Parker were giving for their Sunday School class at the Harrison home.

After cutting the telephone wires to the house and putting out the lights by jamming the fuses, they bombed the house with rocks.

One rock, better aimed than the rest, crashed through, tearing a hole in the screen, smashing the window, and landed in the parlor where the party for the young folks was in progress.

Mr. Harrison, after trying to phone the police, chased the boys away, and late last night succeeded in securing their names.

Two of the boys, seeing that the joke was being carried too far, refused to go on with it, but the others persisted until they were driven away.

No one objects to a joke—but when a prank is carried so far that it destroys property and endangers the lives of children, it becomes a criminal act.

CAR CRASHES THROUGH FRONT OF BUILDING

B. E. Webb drove his automobile into the front of the Union Mortgage Co. building Tuesday. Mr. Webb was attempting to back his car from in front of the building, but not being accustomed to the mechanism of the machine, which he had just purchased, it jumped forward instead of backward with the result that the glass in the two front doors was shattered, and considerable damage done. The occupants of the car were not injured and the car was not damaged.

MRS. L. B. GREGG'S FATHER TO BE BURIED AT CLOVIS

Mrs. L. B. Gregg received a message Thursday announcing the death of her father, A. J. Smith, at Los Angeles, Calif. The remains will be shipped to Clovis and interment will take place Sunday. Mr. Smith lived at Portales before moving to California.

WILL ATTEND COMING SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Hon. J. R. Hull and Hon. W. W. Nichols, senator and representative respectively from this county, will leave the latter part of next week to attend the session of the legislature which convenes on January 10th. This session of the legislature is expected to be an exceptionally long one.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Miss Alice Martin who has been attending the Normal at Las Vegas and who is home for the holidays, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Baptist Sanitarium Monday. The News is pleased to state that she is getting along nicely.

WILL LEAVE NEXT WEEK FOR MARKET

Wallace Austin will leave the first of the week for St. Louis to purchase new stock for the Austin & Company variety store on West Grand Ave.

Charged with being an accomplice in the forgery of a Santa Fe pay check, which was cashed at a local bank recently, Manuel Morin was arrested Wednesday afternoon. Jose Morin, his brother, was arrested December 16, when it is alleged that he called for the pay check belonging to another Mexican and later cashed it. Information that the two brothers divided the money led to the arrest of Manuel, according to Judge Noble.

A Guest.

SUPREME COURT RULES GOVERNOR ACTED LEGALLY

But Luna County's Filing of New Charges Against Villistas is Also Valid.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 28.—The state supreme court today ruled that Governor Larrazolo acted within his rights in pardoning the 16 Villistas who raided Columbus, N. M., but it also held that the re-arrest of the pardoned men by Luna County officers before their release from the penitentiary was also valid and the Mexicans will be held in the state prison for safe keeping pending their trial on new charges of murder in connection with the raid.

The court holds that the governor's constitutional pardoning power is absolute and cannot be restricted by any legislature act. It was alleged he could not pardon without recommendation of the state prison commissioners following resolutions protesting against the pardon adopted by the Albuquerque post of the American Legion.

The state supreme court ruling today was in the habeas corpus proceedings brought in behalf of the men by the Mexican government. In the decision Villa is referred to as a "notorious bandit" and the pardoned men as "members of a marauding band of Mexicans who killed a number of our citizens without any conceivable cause or provocation."

It further says that "they were not entitled to the consideration or protection from criminal prosecutions accorded members of a recognized military organization" as was contended by the governor in issuing the pardons.

MRS. J. W. SLATON DIED TUESDAY IN KENTUCKY

Mrs. S. A. Jones and Mrs. Sam Jones were called to Lexington, Ky., Tuesday, on account of the sudden death of their mother, Mrs. J. W. Slaton. Mrs. Slaton has visited in Clovis quite often and was well known to a number of people here who will be grieved to learn of her death.

THINKS CLOVIS IS BEST TOWN IN UNITED STATES

G. R. Price and family, of Swanton, Ohio, arrived in Clovis last Saturday, and will make this their future home. Mr. Price will be connected with the Motor Inn Repair Shop.

"During the past year we have motored through practically every state in the union," said Mr. Price, "and Clovis is the busiest, most wide-awake town we've seen, so we're here to stay."

RODES-BRADLEY CLERKS PLAN CHARITY CHRISTMAS

Instead of giving gifts to each other, the employees of Rodes-Bradley Company combined their gift money in a donation to be sent to the relief of starving people in the famine stricken districts of China. A fund of \$72 was raised, and will be sent direct to an acquaintance in the stricken area. It is estimated that this amount will keep twelve people alive for one year.

MOVING TO PORTALES

L. M. Arnold, a prominent farmer living near Clovis, is planning to move his family to Portales, where he will be the agent for Rawleigh products in Roosevelt county.

NEW DIRECTOR

At a meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night, Alex Shipley was named a director to fill the position made vacant by a resignation some months ago.

CLOVIS LOOKS GOOD

J. H. Shepard is spending a few weeks in Clovis, having arrived here the first of the week. Mr. Shepard's family is now at Little Rock, Ark., and he has been there and in North Carolina for the past several weeks. Mr. Shepard says it seems good to get back to Clovis and this is a grand town with general conditions better here than they are at any place he knows of in the country.